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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Executive Staff, O/DDI

SUBJECT : Country Seminars

REFERENCE : Exec. Dir. - Comptroller memo, dated  
27 July 1972, same subject

1. OBGI endorses this suggestion. The seminars would certainly benefit us, and we would be able to participate in ways useful to the other analysts. In particular, we would contribute:

a. Occasional discussion leaders -- e.g., the man assigned to research the current NIS Country Profile for the country.

b. Specialists on key problems of the country -- e.g., territorial conflicts, law of the sea, population pressures, ecology, illicit trade, resources development.

c. Appropriate briefing boards and reference maps.

2. The seminars would be most productive if brief introductory papers were presented by one or two of the participants. The papers should be designed to set the stage, to highlight significant developments or intelligence problems in the country. For example, if the country were Brazil, the OBGI participant could talk to the environmental problems that accompany the various developmental projects in which Brazil is involved. An OER specialist could discuss the financial capability of Brazil to pull off such schemes and the effect such projects may have on the country's economy. I think such a structured approach would be more profitable than merely having a general Country Sensitivity Session.

3. Whenever possible, the classification level should be all-source, rather than Secret as suggested.

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